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"In a field such as paraneoplastic syndromes that is changing constantly, Drs Posner and Darnell have written a book to stay. Divided in 17 chapters covering historical aspects, individual syndromes, type of immune responses, and specific cancers the authors describe in a detail only possible from physicians with extensive experience, all paraneoplastic neurological and non-neurological syndromes known to date. There are abundant and excellent vignettes, tables, and pictures. Given that any part of the nervous system and any organ may be affected by these disorders, this is a book that any physician should read and keep on the bookshelf." --Josep Dalmau, MD, PhD, ICREA Research Professor, IDIBAPS/Hospital Clinic, University of Barcelona, Spain, and adjunct Professor of Neurology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

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